(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to fully computerise post offices in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide the facilities to certain post offices during the current financial year;

(c) if so, whether the post offices in Gujarat are also likely to be computerised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR). (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following Head Offices in Gujarat would be computerised during the current financial year:

(i) Bharuch
(ii) Nadiad
(iii) Palanpur
(iv) Patan
(v) Porbandar
(vi) Revdi Bazar
(vii) Surat

Telephone Connections in Bihar Sharif Sub-Division

220. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of persons waiting for telephone connections under Bihar Sharif Sub-Division, telephone exchange-wise, particularly under Nalanda exchange;

(b) whether a number of residents of Mirchaiganj are waiting for telephone connections since 1996 whereas the applicants of neighbouring villages like Kakaila who applied after 1996 have got telephone connection;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this is due to discriminatory attitude of the DET; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against the DET and also to release telephone connections to the affected persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There are 23 exchanges in Bihar Sharif Sub-Division and the Total Waiting list in these exchanges is 3,961 as on 30.6.2001. The details are enclosed in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) There is only one person of Mirchaiganj village who is listed in the waiting list for telephone connections since 1996 and the waiting list of Mirchaiganj village upto 13.6.2001 is also only one. The residents of village Kakaila, who applied after 1996 were provided telephone connections since this village falls under the local areas of Nalanda telephone exchange where cable pairs are available. The village Mirchaiganj is still farther from Nalanda exchange and the village is technically non feasible area at present.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.

(e) There is a proposal to open a new telephone exchange at Dhapar during the current financial year from where the village Mirchaiganj will be served and all the existing and future demands of the village will be met.

Statement

Telephone Exchange-wise Waiting List in Bihar Sharif Sub-Division

S.No.	Name of Exchange	Waiting List as on 30.6.2001
1.	Asthawan	176
2.	Ben	74
3.	Benar More	154
4.	Bihar Sharif	1240
5.	Bind	77
6.	Dip Nagar	115
7.	Devi Sarai	179
8.	Dhamauli	109

S.No.	Name of Exchange	Waiting List as on 30.6.2001
9.	Dumrawan	29
10.	Ghosrawan	60
11.	Giriak	58
12.	Gonama	50
13.	Gopalabad	56
14.	Harnaut	311
15.	Katri Sarai	127
16.	Maulanadih	115
17.	Nalanda	185
18.	Noor Sarai	139
19.	Pawapuri	118
20.	Rahui	181
21.	Rajgir	212
22.	Sarmera	83
23.	Silao	113
	TOTAL:	3961

Local Dialing System in Uttaranchal

221. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local dialing system has been introduced among all the towns of Uttaranchal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that places like Baijrao, Syunsi, Bironkhal, Thailisain of Pauri Garhwal have yet not been provided with the local dialing system with other towns of Uttaranchal;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that PCO owners of these said places are charging high rate by manipulating the standard pulse rate; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.